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WAR & PEACE

Eisenhower favors 'Mother' & GOP's blackest reaction

"America needs more strip-teasers. There should be one in front of every candidate so you can't see what they stand for."

—Groucho Marx before a House subcommittee last week.

GROUCHO'S point was obscure; but he hit a popular note as the Republocrat election circus got into stride with Mr. Gen. Eisenhower's take-off from Abilene, Kansas.

Strip-teasers might have improved the gate, despite the heavy rain which compelled the general to slop through a sea of mud to face the nation over TV from his home town. With 50,000 expected, 2,800 turned up for the show (Abilene's population: 5,775). On the air one man was heard to shout from time to time: "Yay!" The applause was so slight that listeners could make out each hand-clap. At La Guardia field and outside his residence at Columbia University, when the general returned to New York Friday, the pro-Eisenhower N. Y. **Times** estimated welcomers at "500 to 1,000" and 500 respectively, although "at least 6,000" were expected at the field alone.

Newspapers gave pages to the show, but few citizens were stirred. From Taft's corner Rep. Carroll B. Reece (R-Tenn.) acidly summed up:

"It looks like he's pretty much for mother, home and heaven."

The only press reference to the general's late mother—a militant pacifist and anti-militarist—was a description of his stop in her old garden to pick a bouquet of flowers.

POSIES FROM DIXIE: Recurring theme of the press conference of the general who would be President—when reporters sought to pin him down on issues—was confession of ignorance which editorialists next day picked out for praise:

"I am not familiar" [on Korea] . . . "I do not know" [on China] . . . "I don't know [on Negroes in his cabinet] . . . "Now I don't know" [China] . . . "I really have no information on the steel situation, on anything" . . . "I'm not going to answer too specifically" [health insurance] . . . "I do not know enough about the various factors" [St. Lawrence Seaway] . . . "I must confess I am not in position to answer" [Reciprocal Trade] . . . "The whole thing has become so vast and complex that it would be almost idle to try to talk" [states' rights] . . .

Yet no strip-teaser could have concealed the ultra-reaction beneath his generalizations. Though he "had no objection whatever to stating my unchangeable, my unalterable support of fairness and equality," his position on FEPC was pure Dixiecrat. (The N. Y. **Post**, 6/6, reported Mississippi's Rep. Colmer as so "pleased with his stand on FEPC, socialized medicine and similar issues [that he] regretted he

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WE SENT YOU A LETTER
in a bright yellow envelope last month
HAVE YOU REPLIED?

The people won't down

The two photos to the right demonstrate the harsh reality of the "Free World" today and the insistence of the peoples of this world that their voices be heard. Top: The police of Tokyo break up a May Day demonstration in which 500,000 persons from 54 organizations took part. One section of the demonstration was rushed by 10,000 armed police who killed at least nine and injured more than 600. But the message came through. Bottom: Parisians counter-attack, with sticks, police "heavily armed with truncheons, pistols, tear-gas bombs and what not" (eyewitness Alexander Werth in New Statesman & Nation) who tried to break up their demonstration against the arrival of Gen. Ridgway. The demonstration's "only obvious purpose was to 'protest,'" Werth wrote; "it required a good deal of physical courage to 'demonstrate' in such conditions." But they made their point too.

Convention call

The Progressive Party invites all Americans to send delegates to the National Convention in Chicago's Ashland Auditorium, July 4-5-6, to take part in drafting a people's platform for peace and nominating the only candidates in the 1952 elections who offer Americans a chance to vote for peace.

Any ten people may sign the credential reprinted at the right, designate a delegate and mail the names with a $2 registration fee to Progressive Party, 17 West 45th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

This unique proposal is made to order for GUARDIAN readers not otherwise represented. Call up a fellow GUARDIAN readers, get some neighbors or jobmates together with husbands and wives, mail your delegate's name and credentials this week.

If you need help rounding up sufficient people to join with you, airmail the GUARDIAN and you will receive an immediate reply.

Act now! Don't fail to be represented at Chicago July 4-5-6.

A CALL
TO A CONVENTION
FOR PEACE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, greet the National Convention of the Progressive Party for Peace and want to take part in preparing a people's platform for peace, freedom and security.

(Ten Names)	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	AMOUNT

We have selected ..... (name) ..... (address) ..... (city) ..... (state)
to represent us at the Progressive Party Convention July 4, 5, 6.

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Let's call the roll!

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THE MAIL BAG

Confused America

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Returning from a 15,000-mile lecture tour of the U.S. and Canada, Scott Nearing reports in the current issue of his quarterly news commentary, World Events:

"People all over the U.S. are in the dark. Some of them know this and resent it. They listen to commentators, read newspapers, magazines and books, attend meetings. Still they are uncertain and unsatisfied—literally hungry for knowledge and understanding. How many times during my recent travels I have heard people say, 'I am confused. It does not make sense. Why all this talk of peace and these frantic preparations for war? Why with our resources, our tools and our skills, should we fear another depression? Where can I get information that will set me straight?' Specifically, I found people ignorant of the forces behind communism, the nature of the cold war and the causes of the war in Korea. The bitterness I encountered concerning Korea exceeded that in any other field."

As for the press, the radio and the cinema the attitudes on which they base their output justify the words of William Cullen Bryant: "The press is a mill which grinds all that is put in its hopper. Fill the hopper with poisoned grain, and it will grind it to meal, but there is death in the bread."

A. Garcia Diaz

For brotherhood

BOSTON, MASS.

No publication in this country is doing more for human brotherhood, social justice and the genuine welfare of our people than your courageous and progressive NATIONAL GUARDIAN. **Dr. E. L. Dwight-Turner**

Lettuce and Apples

HERSHEY, PA.

The GUARDIAN pulled a boner in putting in the "How Crazy Can You Get Dept." the important truth the Rockefeller Foundation has established, that a restricted diet would increase the span of life. Such news from this source should be hailed in big headlines in the GUARDIAN if you have the interest of the little fellow at heart.

Business conditions being what they are, I welcome the knowledge that I can live better on two meals a day on only raw fruits and vegetables. My electric bill is down $5 a month, I have more time for business, I sleep better, I feel like getting up in the morning, and last but not least, my arterio-sclerosis is improving. I know a family with four small children who maintain good health on little more than lettuce and apples, which they buy wholesale.

Helping the little fellow through politics looks hopeless, but he could be helped materially if he could be given truthful information on nutrition. At the present time he has only access to the popular women's magazines whose one job is to further business for their advertisers and whose slogan is to "Eat More and More."

Ella Hanford

There are million of Americans who dig their own graves by faulty and excessive diets, we fully concede—while reserving our right not to confine our own to lettuce and apples. We insist that the Rockefeller Foundation rates a Crazy Bronze Star for spending 21 years discovering this fact while tens of millions continue underfed in a country that destroys "surplus" food. Ed.

More biting needed

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

It is fortunate that we have a courageous, clear-thinking person like William Mandel to answer the witch-hunters who go around the country making forays on democracy like pirates.

What we need is to take the counter-offensive against the vanguard of an American brand of fascism, operating in these inquisition committees. Send me 12 copies of Man Bites Dog for the enclosed $1.

Jefferson Patrick

The use of "yellow"

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

The membership of the Natl. Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards strongly supports your great paper. In fact, our union subscribes to bundle orders for each branch and our patrolmen, who cover the ships, see to it that copies are put aboard for the membership. In addition to this, we encourage individual subscriptions.

We have one criticism of a title to a letter in your May 22 issue. The title was "How Yellow Can You Get?"

We consider this very chauvinistic, and so do the Chinese and Japanese members of our union. Any expression that directly points to the color of a person's skin would seem to us could be substituted with some other phraseology. "Yellow" in this sense is considered to be cowardly, or describes a person with lack of courage. We cannot say that of the Chinese people who have taken the natural resources, as well as the means of production, into their own hands and are using them for their own good. This takes courage, determination, planning and much patience, as well as a great deal of suffering, misery and privation.

We sincerely hope that you will not use such a term again, and that an apology will be extended to our Chinese and Japanese members who may have read this because of our distribution of your paper.

Thank you and keep up the good work. Until later, salud.

Hugh Bryson, president

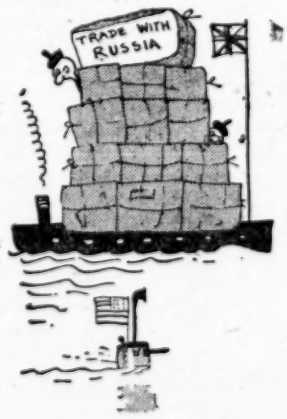
An apology is in order and is given herewith. Others beside Bryson have written in the same vein and we are more than pleased that we have so many readers alert to a slip on our part. We are especially grateful for the tone of all letters: constructive criticism. Ed.

How crazy can you get dept.

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco arrived with great fanfare aboard a warship here today to attend the gathering of Roman Catholics at the 35th World Eucharistic Congress which has made peace its theme. Every warship in the port boomed a 21-gun salute.

—Los Angeles Times, May 31.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this hearing: Winner: Wm. Slusher, Santa Monica, Calif.



Daily Worker, London

"We're being followed . . ."

Ike and the Brethren

DENVER, COLO.

I suppose when I say I was born in Dwight D. Eisenhower's home town I should straighten my shoulders and throw out my chest. But I don't. While living at Abilene, Kans., I never met Ike that I know of. The nearest association I had with His Majesty was when I accompanied my father to the creamery and perhaps witnessed the act of Ike's father emptying the cream cans for us, or maybe writing the check to pay for same.

My mother joined the River Brethren Church at Abaline. Well do I remember the little black bonnets over little white caps worn by the women. The men wore their hair long or nearly to their shoulders. As an expression of humility in their meetings, they washed each other's feet. I never washed Ike's feet, and I have no hankering to kiss them now.

The teachings of the River Brethren are similar to those of the Quakers as to their simplicity of living, and their stand against war. How far afield has Ike strayed from the wholesome influence of his childhood! With America and the world in the palm of his hand, how easily might he accomplish world peace by the simple application of his parents' creed of brotherhood, humility and love. **Pearl Cline**

REPORT TO READERS

1/500th of 1 p.c.

MRS., MISS OR MR. SUBSCRIBER: For the purpose of this argument you are a statistic.

You and each of you have recently received a Springtime letter from the GUARDIAN. It asks your subscription renewal if due; it asks for a small boost for the summer months, in any case. It is something most of you can respond to, even though we know full well that you are singly and severally the most appealed-to people in America.

Some 50,000 such letters went out. Every 500 responses thus equal one percent of the potential return—and judging by the average content of each response (a $2 renewal or its equivalent for a summer "boost"), each one percent return guarantees our entire printing and mailing bill for one issue of the GUARDIAN. So you are 1/500th of 1%, statistically, but as mighty as a uranium atom, personally, in the power potential of the GUARDIAN readership.

POTENTIALLY, a 50% response to our mailing would guarantee our printing bill for a whole year. Higher than 50% would begin to allow us to expand the paper now, to get it into more and more hands immediately at the basically low subscription price of $2 a year (less than 4c a week). Even a 25% response would allow us to do these things, but on a shorter-term basis.

OUR LETTER reached you just before the May 30 holiday weekend. It contained a highly visible postage-paid reply envelope printed in deep red on golden maize stock. If you already mailed it back to us, you are a Statistic of the Highest Order and your address label will soon acknowledge this with an "S" or an extended expiration date.

If you haven't replied yet, we most respectfully but urgently request that you do so this week—today if possible. If you have mislaid the letter we'll send you another, but the general idea is contained in these paragraphs and the material for reply is right over there at the left side of this page, with your address-plate pasted on the front-page side of the coupon.

IT WOULD CONFOUND ALL THE EXPERTS if anybody ever evoked a 50% response to a mailing, but there is nothing we put beyond the power potential of the readers of the GUARDIAN.

—THE EDITORS

The god of war

PORTLAND, MAINE

As I stood in the Memorial Day crowd listening to the orators who in the name of God advocated a new and far more terrifying conflict, I realized how little Christianity has contributed in the way of civilizing man. I suddenly became quite ill—ashamed of myself and my people. For not one word was mentioned in behalf of world peace; not one voice raised in protest against war. Are they not free men, I asked myself? If so, why don't they speak their minds? Surely they must know what another war will mean.

Scanning their faces, I could read the fear written on them—and I thought of the 600 million people who have raised their voices for world peace. I felt the guilt that the dispersing crowds would feel one day. The God of War reigned supreme at the Memorial Day services in America this day. **R. E. Carles**

For Jordan's freedom

MILL CITY, ORE.

We visited Theodore Jordan at the State Prison recently for the first time. We were deeply impressed by the fine character of the man. We mentioned that the GUARDIAN had done an article on his case and he asked for a subscription.

He tells us that the prison authorities are making overtures to him with the offer of a conditional pardon which would preclude any political or trade union activities by him upon release. He says he will not accept a pardon since he has done nothing for which to be pardoned. He says they do not want to commute his sentence for fear he will sue the state. Here is a man who went into prison when he was 26 years old. He is now 46. To our remark that we were surprised he was not bitter or cynical, he replied, "When you enter prison, supposedly for life, you do one of two things—you either become insane or you become a stronger person."

I hope our GUARDIAN readers write to Gov. Douglas McKay, Salem, Ore., urging that Mr. Jordan's sentence be commuted.

Ruth Stovall

Theodore Jordan, sentenced to hang in 1932 for an assault killing to which another man confessed on his deathbed, was saved by an ILD-organized protest in 1934. A Governor's commission inquiry caused his sentence to be changed to life. Only circumstantial evidence and a repudiated "confession" (obtained by force) were introduced at a prejudiced trial. Ed.

The Cattonars together

TRIESTE, F. T. T.

It has just been brought to our attention that you published in the GUARDIAN the letter which we sent you from Venice, following our violent and unjustified expulsion from the so-called "Free" Territory of Trieste at the orders of the Allied (read: U.S.) Military Government authorities. We are grateful for your giving our plight publicity, and are sure that the publicity you gave us, plus the splendid support by the organized working class movement of Trieste (including a 15-minute general strike of protest in the biggest establishments of the city) were the deciding factors in making possible our return.

We re-entered Trieste after a month's exile, and there has been no interference. But we have received ample indication from several sources including (1) the vice-consul at Venice, and (2) a letter from Ruth Shipley of Passport Division, Washington, to the effect that our expulsion was ordered from Washington as additional punishment for the family of an American deportee! But while Washington's arm is long, the memory of the people is longer, and we are sure the day of reckoning is not far off.

Thanks again, and keep up your splendid fight for democratic rights and for peace. We too are convinced —Peace will win!

Nell Amter Cattonar

To let his people know

MENLO PARK, CALIF.

We were able to get the enclosed letter on the Rosenberg Case into the Palo Alto Times just the night before William Reuben came out to speak to us in Redwood City.

Several conservative, responsible people in this community have thanked us for putting out the facts and told us this is the first they had known about the Rosenbergs at all. A good many progressives overlook the phenomenon that many decent persons of good will simply skip red-baiting and spy stories in the press, being disgusted with the whole witch-hunt and not knowing what to do about it. Therefore they are actually surprised to learn that people are in jail or on death row, and glad to be given the facts and to be told how they can help. There has been one fascist-type reply to our letter. For the rest, people have been phoning us and going out of their way to thank us.

If GUARDIAN readers, who know the facts, thanks to your superb reporter, Mr. Reuben, would quietly address themselves to the local press and to individuals of good will, simply stating the facts about victims of Smith, McCarran or the Justice Dept., and show what can be done, they'd get a good response. This is a matter of patience and of trust in the good will and traditional decency of the people.

Edwin and Isobel Cerney

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Illinois court throws out ballot exclusion law

THE conspiracy to keep the Progressive Party off the ballot in Illinois was overturned by the State Supreme Court last week. The action seemed to guarantee the PP getting on the lists.

The State Legislature at its last session had made it a crime for residents of one county to solicit signatures on a nominating petition in another county. The law requires 200 signatures from each county, a statewide minimum of 25,000. The rule would have made it almost impossible for the PP (strongest in Chicago) to find canvassers in all counties.

The PP filed suit against the measure and lost in the lower court. As soon as last week's Supreme Court victory was announced, PP canvassing teams set out for all parts of the state. The objectives: 300 signatures from each county, 50,000 from Cook Co. (Chicago).

THEY'RE OFF: The Illinois campaign was already under way, launched the

HORACE V. ALEXANDER
There was progress

end of last month when 500 filled Chicago's Chopin Hall, raised $900 for the ballot fight. PP candidates are:

Prof. Robert Morss Lovett, Governor; Joseph Larvanette (of AFL Dining Car Workers Union), Lt.-Gov.; Mrs. Norma Nebenzahl, secy. of state; Marion Calligaris, auditor; Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes (of AFL Ladies Garment Workers Union), state treas., Irving Meyers, atty. gen.; for university trustees, Lillian Frost, Mrs. Marjorie Kelly, Mrs. Florence Gowgiel.

James Wishart, former Fur & Leather Workers educational director and earlier of CIO Auto Workers, replaces retiring PP state director Bill Miller, it was announced. Miller will continue active in the petition campaign.

California fights to elect Negroes and Mexicans

THE California fight for Negro and Mexican representation crossed political lines, not only in its support but in its candidates.

Jack Berman, exec. vice-chairman of the Independent Progressive Party, keynoting a recent Los Angeles conference on Negro-Mexican representation, warned progressives against demanding that a Negro candidate be "cast in our political image." Said IPP Congressional candidate Horace V. Alexander, who cross-filed in the Democratic primaries but stayed out of the GOP race because another Negro (Fred Roberts) had filed:

"Negro representation is not something a political party just dreams up. It's a reflection of the deeds and demands of the Negro people today. And the question here is, to what degree are the white people prepared to support the program for Negro representation."

The conference, called late last month by 25 trade union, Negro and Mexican leaders, pledged support to Alexander and these candidates:

Arthur C. Casas, for Congress 19 C.D.; Assembly candidates Rayfield Lundy, 55 A.D.; Gilbert M. Canales, 51 A.D.; Anthony Ponce, 40 A.D.; Mrs. Mary Natividad Barnes, 41 A.D.; Kenny Washington, for supervisor, 2nd District.

Victory of GOP Sen. Wm. Knowland in both the Dem. and Rep. primaries last Tuesday leaves Democratic voters with a choice of only Knowland, whose activities in behalf of the China lobby earned him the title "the Senator from Formosa," and IPP candidate for Senator Reuben Borough.

OTHER PRIMARY RESULTS: Alexander polled 12% of the vote of the winner, Rep. Sam Yorty (D); Mollie Gosman (IPP, cross-filing Democratic, received 10% in her Assembly race; Bert Sharp (IPP) 6% of Rep. Norris Poulson's total Dem.-Rep. vote; Judge Stanley Moffatt (IPP-supported) polled one-third of the total vote for municipal judge.

State Sen. Jack Tenney (R) of California's Un-American Activities Committee lost both Rep. and Dem. nominations for Congress.

Atty. Lundy (R) in front of whose house a cross was burned shortly before the vote, polled 7,000 against 15,000 for his white opponent for Assembly. One Negro assemblyman retained his backing but neither Dems. or Reps. added Negro or Mexican-American candidates.

HALLINAN THREAT: Mrs. Vivian Hallinan, wife of the imprisoned PP presidential candidate Vincent Hallinan, received a telephoned threat of "death in your family unless you pay $5,000." The caller identified himself as "Mr. Johnson." Vice-Presidential candidate Mrs. Charlotta Bass at once wired Gov. Warren asking full protection for the Hallinans at Ross, Calif., and for a public statement "condemning the hysteria which has engendered this vicious attack."

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The PP announced this tentative program for the national convention July 4 weekend at Ashland Auditorium, Chicago:

THURS.-FRI., July 3-4: public hearings on the platform; panel discussions by delegates on national issues, Fri. p.m.

FRI. EVE.: General session, opened by National Chairman Elmer Benson, co-chairman Paul Robeson. Dr. W. E. B. DuBois will keynote.

SAT. MORN.: Election of convention's officers, address of ALP State Chairman Vito Marcantonio; presentation of platform for discussion.

SAT. AFT.: Nominating and seconding of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.

SAT. EVE.: Mass meeting.

SUN. MORN.: Panel meetings on peace and campaign issues. Earl Dickerson, co-chairman of the platform committee, will discuss the civil rights betrayal of the old parties.

SUN. AFT.: Nomination and election of party officers. Following the closing session, conferences of the new national committee, all state directors.

CHICAGOANS!

The Progressive Party Convention Needs

- HOUSING: Have you a spare bed or bedroom? How about your neighbors? House a delegate or delegates for the July 4 weekend.
- VOLUNTEERS: The convention will need dozens and dozens of TYPISTS, STENOTYPISTS, SECRETARIES, SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS, MIMEOGRAPHERS, GENERAL OFFICE WORKERS.
- TWENTY FIVE 'TEEN-AGERS TO ACT AS PAGE BOYS AND GIRLS between the speakers stand, the pressroom and all other departments of Convention. First come, first signed up!
- TWENTY FIVE MEN to act as ushers and convention floor attendants.
- ALSO, telephone help now, right from your own home, mobilizing housing and other facilities needed to make the Progressive Party Convention the outstanding event of Chicago's convention season.

CALL RIGHT NOW: RAndolph 6-0571, talk to Delores Pinna or Pete Hawley, Convention Manager. Or come in person to Convention Headquarters, 166 West Washington.

DON'T DELAY! VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Lamont is ALP Senate candidate

DR. CORLISS LAMONT, author and educator, has accepted a unanimous recommendation of the state executive comm. of the American Labor Party, New York, that he run for the U.S. Senate seat now occupied by Sen. Irving Ives (R).

CORLISS LAMONT

Socialist son of the late Morgan partner Thomas W. Lamont, he is 50 years old, a teacher of philosophy at Columbia, a director of the American Civil Liberties Union, a member of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People and of the American Philosophical Assn. His most recent book is **The Independent Mind** (Horizon Press, $2.75). He is currently publishing a series of pocket-sized pamphlets including **Are We Being Talked Into War?** (3c); **Soviet Aggression, Myth or Reality** (5c); **The Civil Liberties Crisis** (5c). (All obtainable from Basic Pamphlets, Box 242, Cathedral Sta., New York 25.)

In accepting the bid to join the ALP's 1952 ticket, he said:

I shall wage as vigorous a campaign as possible on behalf of civil liberties, the full democratic rights of racial minorities, economic abundance for all Americans, normal East-West trade, the ending of the cold war, far-reaching disarmament and international peace. . . .

While naturally supporting in general the program of the American Labor Party, I shall feel free to speak out frankly and independently on whatever issues seem important to me. . . .

This political campaign is going to be a real struggle. But I have always enjoyed a good fight and will be in there doing my best to win this one.

Announcing Dr. Lamont's decision, ALP State Chairman Marcantonio said:

With his candidacy the ALP throws out a challenge to the candidates of the old parties to campaign on the real issues that face the people in this period of crisis.

Formal confirmation of the candidacy will come before the ALP State Convention Aug. 28.

Parley on Negroes in office

More than 100 delegates from six states and the District of Columbia attended a conference last week-end at Philadelphia sponsored by the Natl. Comm. to Elect Negroes to Public Office.

Chaired by Hugh N. Mulzac of Queens, N.Y., famous captain of the Liberty ship **Booker T. Washington** in World War II, the conference called for

. . . unqualified support for the candidacy of any Negro on any party platform where no such representation has been enjoyed in the past. . . .

No other standard or qualification can be imposed on such candidates except the fundamental standard that they shall provide representation to people and areas previously denied. . . .

In addition to proposals for representation in 'all aspects of American life including municipal, state and Federal courts, and all public boards and agencies," the conference proposed:

(1) A vigorous non-partisan campaign for registration of all Negro voters, North and South; and (2) a united effort of Negroes of all parties to participate in choosing candidates and deciding platform issues.

NEW YORK: In N.Y. City the political machines geared themselves for a gang-up on Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party state chairman, the only voice in Congress to denounce the Korean War. Marcantonio was defeated two years ago by a Democratic-Republican-Liberal coalition and a deft gerrymandering of this district, New York's 18th. The winning gang-up candidate was Democrat James G. Donovan, who in office has such an unbroken record of extreme reaction—including militant support of aid to Franco—that the Liberals have withdrawn support, though leaving the way open for an eventual return to the gang-up.

As in California, the campaign for Negro representation went beyond the Progressives. The Initiating Committee for the Election of a State Senator scheduled a conference June 8 at United Mutual Hall, 310 Lenox Av. Attorney and former ALP standard bearer Jacques Isler, acting for the committee with headquarters at 209 W. 125th St., N.Y. 27, is circulating petitions which point out that Harlem is so gerrymandered that no one district there has a Negro majority; and that the Democrats, the city's major party, have never nominated a Negro for the State Senate. The petitions call on

. . . leaders of all political parties to recognize the justice of the Negro people's demand for representation by supporting the nomination and election of a Negro to the State Senate from the 21st Senate District.

WASHINGTON VICTORY: In Washington State the PP scored a victory when Thurston County Superior Judge Charles T. Wright ruled unconstitutional the state's "anti-subversive" oath for candidates. The suit had been brought by PP officials and members. The PP in the Northwest scheduled mass meetings to hear Vice-Presidential candidate Mrs. Charlotta Bass in Portland, Ore., June 22 (Civic Auditorium); and in Seattle, June 24.

STATE CONVENTIONS: Around the country state PP organizations were convening to discuss platform issues, rally candidates for the national convention July 4. Here is a partial schedule of state conventions:

MINNESOTA, June 14-15, CIO Hall, 724 4th Av. So., Minneapolis.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, June 8, Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N.W.

IOWA, June 15, I.O.O.F. Hall, 615 Locust St., Des Moines.

THE LAW

Rosenberg plea filed with Supreme Court

EMANUEL Bloch, attorney for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg who are under death sentence as "atom spies," filed June 7 a petition asking the Supreme Court to review on six grounds:

- **That the espionage statute under which they were convicted is unconstitutional.**
- **That though the trial was for conspiracy to commit espionage, it was conducted like a treason trial without the Constitutional safeguards (two witnesses to overt acts) guaranteed in such trials.**
- **Misconduct of the judge.**
- **Injection of the "communist" issue (defendants' statements on the capitalist and socialist systems) without any evidence either that they were CP members or that, if they were, they subscribed to alleged "subversive" policies of CP leaders.**
- **Acceptance of Elizabeth Bentley's testimony that someone phoned her saying "I am Julius," without any identification of the voice—placing an inflammatory stigma on defendants as associating with a spy.**
- **That the death sentence was cruel and unusual punishment and was a political sentence, to enforce an official policy not existing at the time of the alleged crime.**

At the earliest, a decision as to whether the conviction would be reviewed could be expected in October when the court reconvenes. The Rosenbergs will pass another summer in Sing Sing death house.

THE WINNER: INFLATION

The stakes in the steel dispute

AT the White House representatives of steel producers, of the CIO Steelworkers, and Presidential aide John R. Steelman talked. Around them great pressures were building up: from the 600,000 steelworkers on strike and the shut-down mills, from Congress eager to use the strike to toughen anti-labor laws, from election considerations, from the U. S. economic picture closely affected by steel.

In House and Senate hoppers were bills to outlaw nation-wide bargaining, limit or ban strikes outright. The Senate was debating a move to force Truman to use the Taft-Hartley law against the strikers when majority leader Sen. Ernest W. McFarland (D-Ariz.) interrupted with a bulletin: a settlement was near.

How near or on what terms was unrevealed. Whatever the settlement, these were the issues for the workers, the companies, the administration and the nation:

STEELWORKERS: For them the reasons for the strike were simple. One third of them in the North had been getting $1.31-$1.51 an hour (10c less in the South). The nation-wide average in U. S. Steel, for example, was $1.41. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that for a "modest but adequate" budget a family of four must get $79.46 a week—59c an hour more.

Last November workers chalked on factory walls their demand for a 30c raise. The Steelworkers' Philip Murray opened talks by whittling this to 15c. To support that demand plus other benefits, the union scheduled a strike Dec. 31, 1951, postponed it to January, then February, then April. Meanwhile the fight had turned into a lawyers' battle before the Wage Stabilization Board, which finally turned up a compromise "package" of a 12c raise with other benefits. The union accepted. Management rejected. The President seized the mills, sought to raise wages up to the WSB compromise. On June 2 the Supreme Court ruled that seizure illegal and the union, six months after it scheduled the strike, finally tested the issue on the picket line.

MILL OWNERS & GOVERNMENT: They saw the strike differently. Steel had been doing well: the 20 top producers' after-tax profits were $156,000,000 in 1939, $1,803,800,000 in 1951. But, according to CBS commentator Bill Costello (5/11), big-business planners several months ago foresaw slack markets and favored a policy of refusal to negotiate with labor, provoking strikes which would automatically curtail production, restoring shortages, boosting prices.

There was no steel shortage as the strike began, but the **Journal of Commerce** (6/3) commented:

> If the strike should last for several weeks, consumers who have not been easily frightened by talk of shortages . . . might finally be swayed into a new rash of scare buying.

CBS' Costello said the Truman Administration had a different formula—better geared to an election year—for staving off a slump: appropriate $7.9 billion for foreign military aid to revive dwindling export markets; resist cuts in arms funds, perhaps boost them to bolster domestic production; make instalment buying easier.

IT'S WORKING: The two formulae were both working last week for inflation. While the strike cut production and, in the absence of controls, pointed to higher steel prices, the Administration's policies to stimulate purchasing power (on easy terms) and demand were taking effect.

On June 1 General Electric reported retail sales of its major appliances up 24% from April, 25% from May, 1951, and explained:

> Reports from the field indicate the suspension of down-payments and installment regulations by the Federal Reserve Board has played some part in the improved sales picture.

Autos, construction, shoes and some textiles showed similar trends.

AIDS TO INFLATION: War crises in Germany and Korea coincided significantly with the Administration's efforts to beat down Congressional pressure for tax cuts and economy. Congressional conferees agreed on a foreign aid authorization of $6.4 billion—nearly $1.5 billion less than Truman asked, but well above the current spending rate.

The Administration hurried inflation along by lifting ceilings on many packaged food items. Since Jan., 1951, when price control began, wholesale prices fell 2.7% but retail prices rose 4.8%. Under government regulation food processors and traders had upped their margin of profit 7.5% of the product's value.

The customers have already felt that rise. The BLS Consumer Index jumped 1.2 points in April; the May figure was certain to be higher. Last May **Business Week**, forecasting production and price booms for the last half of this year, concluded:

> The U. S. economy still has at least one more thrust of inflation in its system.

Reynolds News, London

"Well, Miggs, is it just the first day back at school, or do those kids have a peculiar look on their faces?"

Ike backs 'Mother' and GOP reaction

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[Eisenhower] is not the Democratic nominee.") Eisenhower's stand on the Taft-Hartley Act and parity farm price supports:

> "We have got to find a way, a means of respecting the advances labor has made. . . . How can labor prosper unless the farmer and the investors and all the rest prosper? . . . We've got to find some way of bringing these people together. . . . And we've got to work on it like dogs."
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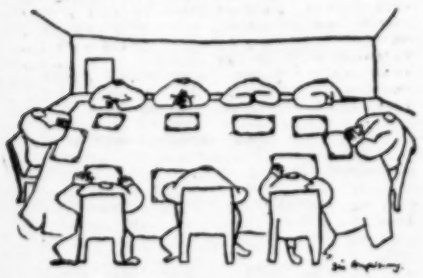
> "When you talk to me 75%, 85%, 95%, gentlemen, I don't know. . . . Certainly it's in the public interest that we have a prosperous agriculture. Besides that my heart is with them."

"DOWNRIGHT RUBBERY": Eisenhower went out of his way to disclaim any connection with FDR and the New Deal, denouncing any such tales as "absolutely a shibboleth—there's no such thing—none." Columnists gave their best adjectives to his personality: the N. Y. **Times'** astute diplomatic correspondent James Reston, evidently the uneasiest reporter in Abilene, concentrated on the general's "easy grace . . . expressive face and hands . . . restrained toughness that appeals to the intellectual and worker alike." Stewart Alsop, fascinated by the general's face—"so mobile as to be downright rubbery"—said that though some might think his speech contained "a good many kernels of corn . . . somehow every word rang true."



Tribune des Nations, Paris

Presumably oriented by the best political brains big business can buy, the declarations seemed to show extraordinary Wall St. confidence in the effectiveness of five years of fear- and hysteria-promotion, on the brains of a nation consistently voting for progressive programs through two decades of Presidential elections. The general blandly referred to the GOP "liberty vs. socialism" statement of black reaction in 1950—which even Dewey and Sen. Lodge criticized as too extreme on some points—as the basis of his philosophy. For a "man-on-white-horse" candidate, Eisenhower's demagogy seemed feeble by comparison with that of Taft, who for all his chill personality had said almost the same thing (nothing) a few days earlier far more racily. Taft was reported happy because Eisenhower "sidestepped the issues."

(German militarists applauded Taft when, in an interview widely published in Germany last week, he said he was "against the Nuremberg trials" and the "provisional award" of East German lands to Poland, and that he "would have armed the Germans long ago.")

DEMOCRATIC HAY: Meanwhile "liberal Democrat" Gov. Stevenson of Illinois was reported saying he would "feel compelled to respond" to a draft (Robt. S. Allen, 6/6); and Presidential candidate Averell Harriman made hay with a CIO delegation whom he told that he favored T-H repeal and continued price controls, opposed McCarthyism and giving tideland oil to the states, approved Truman's steel-mill seizure.

Stevenson's, Harriman's and Kefauver's support of the Republocrat war policy made their domestic promises hollow; but Democratic contenders had not forgotten how specific progressive promises which could not be kept had won the pennant as a "lesser evil" in '48. As a further corruption scandal broke over the Administration, involving half-billion-dollar war-contract swindles and three of the President's close associates, Truman himself calmly dropped a trick to the GOP: he accepted an invitation to week-end with J. Howard McGrath, whom he had to oust as Atty. Gen. in April in a scandal that is prime GOP meat this year.

C. B. Baldwin, Progressive Party secy., had this to say about Eisenhower's performance:

> To the millions in Labor who are fighting to retain their standards of living; to the millions of Negro people and other minorities who demand real civil rights; to the millions of our elderly citizens who want old age security; to the mothers and fathers of America who want an end to the senseless war in Korea and the drafting of their sons and the reduction of the intolerable burden of taxes—to these millions of voters the general has offered up a dish of platitudes. Mr. Dewey's favorite son makes it clear that he will continue the discredited war policies of the Truman Administration.

French find pumpkin, war protest swells

IN circles representing by far the majority of every "allied" people, resistance to Washington intensified—and especially to its "defense treaty" to rearm Germany. The initialed agreements "about eight inches high, [representing] the birth of . . . a new period in history" (Acheson, quoted by N. Y. **Times** 6/3) were called "the alli-

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ance nobody wants" by **ONA's** Ernest Leiser who reported from Bonn (5/29):

> There is gloomy conviction that [before] this contract is . . . ratified and implemented, something—an indefinable "something"—will have happened to invalidate it.

Alain Verney (**Tribune des Nations,** 5/23) commented from London that while on the divide-and-rule basis permanent division of Germany would be good for British steel and chemical trusts, it would "multiply the German peril" not by two but by ten. German Social Democratic leader Schumacher "raised the specter" that Bonn policies "would lead to complete militarization of East Germany" (**NYT,** 6/3).

In France, Gen. de Gaulle attacked the "soulless system" of the European Army and declared

> . . . the U. S. would not use the atom bomb in defense of Europe against Russian aggression because Russia could obliterate American cities with the same weapon.

U. S. officials confronted the "brutal fact" (**ONA** from Paris, 5/28) that

> . . . the French are no longer interested in early creation of a European Army. . . . That means . . . there may never be one. . . . [The French government is convinced] that the Soviet Union is not out for military but political conquest in Europe.

"SUBVERSION, YOU MIGHT SAY": Walter Lippmann, likewise discounting the possibility of a Soviet invasion since they "did not invade when there were virtually no ground forces in front of them," ventured (N. Y. **Herald Tribune,** 6/3)

> . . . to believe that their [Western ground forces'] true role in the defense of Europe is to re-inforce the authority of the existing governments. . . .

Gen. Eisenhower spelled it out when he said (**NYT,** 6/4) the ground forces were needed to prevent "subversion, bribery, you might say, the stealing of the countries in which we are concerned other than outright assault"—a typical paraphrase for colonial revolts, strikes, protest demonstrations against a government's current policies.

A PUMPKIN FOR FRANCE: The American army now in occupation of France continued to train for "defense against Red invasion" as the government of Vichyite Pinay arrested trade unionists and maintained mobilization of a 40,000-strong armed force against strikers. While the commercial press described as a "fiasco" the "general strike called" for June 4 in Paris, the **Daily Worker's** top correspondent Joseph Starobin reported from Paris that while no general strike was called there were strikes in 974 plants, involving 100,000 workers, protesting the arrest of Jacques Duclos and some 160 other leading Communists. The French CP's **Humanite** (6/2) charged that Duclos' arrest and the raids on CP offices were ordered by the U. S. State Dept. In this connection the **Worker's** Rob F. Hall noted from Washington (6/3)

> . . . the secret mission to this country undertaken last month by Jacques Baylot, prefect of police of Paris, [who conferred] with the FBI, the Justice Dept., and with George F. Monaghan, N.Y. Police Commissnr.

The coaching seemed to have been helpful. At the week-end the French Interior Ministry produced its "pumpkin papers"—"documents affecting the national security, found in a chicken house" (**NYT** 6/8); launched new raids and arrests in Toulon, Brest, Lorient, Bordeaux and Mers-el-Kebir in Algeria; arrested the political editor of Paris' **Ce Soir** for "inciting to violence."

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Lie & HST are 'anxious' about Rhee terror in Korea

FROM Harry S. Truman President Syngman Rhee of South Korea received a "strong note" (**NYT**, 6/7) after he had ignored an Assembly resolution to countermand Rhee-imposed martial law, arrested 11 Assembly members, and threatened to kick UN's commission out of the country. He replied that he would only disband the Assembly as a last resort. UN Secy.-Gen. Lie, who cabled Rhee expressing "deep anxiety," was accused by a Rhee spokesman of evaluating the situation "arbitrarily, on the basis of second-hand reports"; the spokesman insisted it would be shown that the arrested Assembly members were involved in a "Red plot."

British Defense Minister Alexander and Minister of State Lloyd arrived in Tokyo for a 7-day Korea-Koje Island tour "to study at first hand military and political developments" (**Reuters**, 6/4). In Australia External Affairs Minister Casey told the House he had "expressed concern at recent political events in South Korea" to Rhee. Canada's Premier St. Laurent also "expressed concern." The Washington **Post** (6/4) said Rhee had created a "virtual police state." In the **Nation** (6/7) editor Freda Kirchwey wrote:

> If the high brass had really wanted democracy in Korea, in place of corruption and terror, they would have acted differently. They wanted anti-communism, nothing else, and they got Syngman Rhee. Their embarrassment is about six years late.

RHEE-ITIS SPREADS: In a compromise effort in the truce talks at Panmunjom, North Korea's Gen. Nam Il offered (**NYT**, 6/4)

> . . . to waive claim to the South Koreans who had served in the Communist armies and who now want to remain south of the 38th Parallel.

But in Geneva J. D. Kingsley, UN Agent Gen. for Korean Reconstruction, after an on-the-spot Korean survey said (**NYT**, 6/4) he

> . . . has decided to base all his planning on the assumption that there will be no armistice in the foreseeable future.

Rhee's perception that there was no need even to pretend to be domocratic spread to Viet Nam. French-backed playboy ruler Bao Dai fired his Prémier and replaced him with "strongly pro-French" Nguyen Van Tam, whose appointment (wrote the **N. Y. Times** correspondent 6/4)

> . . . may be greeted with misgivings in some quarters. Tough and hard driving, his methods are regarded by some as too authoritarian. [His] public career has been mostly in the police field. . . . [His] son is the commander of the Vietnamese Armed Forces. Thus, control of the police system, the military services and of civil power are in the hands of one family.

FREEDOMS

Cicero police chief guilty; Calif. drowns race hate project

JEAN FIELD AND SON
Again — No!

> "If we adopt repressive policies at home —curbing speech, persecuting people for their political creeds, being suspicious of anyone who is not thoroughly orthodox in his views—then we are in for trouble abroad."
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> —Supreme Court Justice Douglas, June 3, 1952.

TROUBLE abroad grew as repression rampaged at home. But amidst the gloom of Smith Act trials, bombs hurled at Negro homes, KKK cross burnings, threatened extradition of Negro fugitives back to Dixie justice, punishment of politics by passport denials etc., there were at least two bright spots: in Chicago the police chief of Cicero, Ill., and three others were convicted for their parts in the three-day riot of last July; in Los Angeles a well-backed attempt to legalize race discrimination was defeated.

Erwin Konovsky, top cop of all-white Cicero, and two members of his force were found guilty by a federal jury of conspiring to keep Harvey E. Clark Jr. from moving into an apartment, and of depriving him of his civil rights by refusing to protect him and his property against rioting mobs. Clark had testified the cops themselves threatened him and sided with the rioters. The jury recommended maximum sentences: the four are liable to a year in prison and a $1,000 fine on each count.

In California last winter State Sen. Jack B. Tenney said his "America Plus, Inc." would raise $75,000 and collect 300,000 signatures for a ballot initiative to guarantee the right of proprietors of public places to choose their patrons and tenants, and of employers to refuse jobs because of race or religion. Last week the Calif. Committee for Human Rights, set up to fight the measure and composed of AFL and CIO leaders, announced Tenney's campaign a dud because of effective opposition.

HEARING FOR DOCTORS: There were developments in three other California civil rights cases:

Los Angeles' Jewish Community Council, Jewish groups' coordinating agency, after an investigation that began Jan. 27 recommended a special hearing for three famed specialists dismissed from Cedars of Lebanon hospital staff last December (GUARDIAN, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, April 23). The three, all progressives, were dropped without charges, hearing or trial, but hospital officials acknowledged privately the reasons were political. Dr. Richard Lippman, one of the three, a top specialist in his field, has been barred from the hospital since his dismissal even when called by attending physicians; two patients he was not permitted to examine died. By the hospital's action he also lost a $12,000 research grant from the U. S. Public Health Service and other grants exceeding $13,000 a year. In its report the Community Council recommended "that there be no discrimination on account of political belief" in personnel practices of communal agencies. The Committee for Medical Freedom, which has fought for reinstatement of the three, backed up the Council's report with an Embassy Auditorium rally Sunday.

JEAN FIELD FAILS: Back in L. A. from Oklahoma was Mrs. Jean Field, whose children (Jay, 15; Mary, 12) were taken from her by an Oklahoma judge—and restored to their father who had abandoned them (GUARDIAN, Feb. 6, 13, 27) —because she taught them racial equality. A California court had upheld the Oklahoma decision; now an Oklahoma court has declined to overrule the California ruling. Life for Jean Field was becoming a squirrel cage but she fights on. There was more work, more funds needed, for the Jean Field Committee, 835 Kings Rd., L. A. 46.

In Oakland, Calif., Jerry Newson, 20-year-old Negro, was standing a third trial for his life, charged with double murder during a drugstore hold-up in Oct., 1949. The Civil Rights Congress, which is defending him, and other investigators have called the charge a frame-up. A first conviction was reversed by the State Supreme Court in a 6 to 1 decision; a second trial ended in a hung jury, 7 to 5 for acquittal. An all-white jury sits in the current trial.

Christiani protest mounts

IN New York City public protest sizzled over the fatal shooting May 10 of Enus L. Christiani, N. Y. University Negro student, by an N. Y. U. guard during a student fund-raising affair after Christiani protested a caricature of a Negro woman set up as a dart-throwing target. Student and community leaders charge that NYU's administration "encourages racist thinking," point out that the armed guards are all white, the employment policy is jimcrow, there is discrimination against minorities in the student body. The DA's office said it had received hundreds of protest letters and telegrams; delegations representing many organizations demanded prosecution of the guard; scores of civic groups urged action.

Last week the DA's office sent the case to the Grand Jury, announced that at least 25 witnesses will be heard, urged others to appear. (The Christiani killing is the most recent of a long series; a recent report on U. S. civil rights in 1951 jointly issued by the American Jewish Congress and NAACP listed N. Y. City and Birmingham, Ala., as scenes of greatest racist violence).

COP ON TRIAL: In nearby White Plains, N. Y., white ex-cop Stanley LaBenskey was on trial for first-degree murder (changed from second degree after public protests). He shot and killed two Negroes March 19 after protesting their presence in the same Yonkers tavern with him. The prosecution offered testimony that LaBenskey's active prejudice against Negroes is well-known in his neighborhood; the defendant himself admitted drinking heavily the night of the shooting. The jury is all white.

ENGLISH IN DANGER: From Trenton, N. J., came word that Collis English, one of two of the Trenton Six still in prison after aquittal of the other four, suffered a third heart attack in six weeks; a specialist examined him, reported "the possibility of a sudden catastrophe . . . definitely present," recommended a delicate operation which he doubted could be performed successfully in jail. The Civil Rights Congress urged demands upon Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll for an immediate pardon.

Baltimore Smith Act trial outlaws opposition party

IN defending the "constitutionality" of witch-hunt laws the government has repeatedly stated it has no intention of outlawing the Communist Party; the McCarran Act specifically provides that the requirement of registration of CP membership "is not to be construed as a requirement for furnishing evidence of the commission of a crime." But last week the Self-Defense Committee of the Baltimore Smith Act Defendants (2705 Parkwood Ave., Baltimore 17, Md.) sent out an appeal and a warning pointing out that the outlawing of their party was what in effect had been "legalized" in their case.

As the first "second round" Smith Act defendants to be convicted (April 1, 1952), their case has unique features. The trial was raced to completion in three weeks. The appeal is being similarly rushed; defense briefs were due to be filed this week, oral argument set for early July before the Fourth Circuit Appeals Court sitting in Asheville, N. C. The three defense lawyers in the trial—who for various reasons are able to work on the appeal in a limited capacity or not at all—protest that proper preparation in that time is virtually impossible. Dr. Royal Wilbur France, for 23 years a faculty member of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., who agreed to join in arguing the appeal, faced the task of studying a 2,690-page trial record and some 74 lengthy exhibits (books, pamphlets, documents) in less than a month.

(Dr. France, in a letter dated Jan. 14 this year to Harry Sacher, original Smith Act trial attorney disbarred and jailed for his defense, had written:

> Although I abandoned the active practice of law a number of years ago in favor of the more or less cloistered life of a college professor, the trend in American life represented by your disbarment is leading me to consider an early return to the active practice of law. More and more, I fear, younger members of the bar will be intimidated by contempt and disbarment proceedings against lawyers who defend vigorously unpouplar causes.)

Herblock in Washington Post
"Drop in any time."

"FATAL VARIANCE": The appeal is additionally complicated because the Baltimore case raises vital new issues of law absent in other Smith Act trials and not contained in the Supreme Court decision upholding the 1949 convictions; in a memorandum the defense speaks of the

> . . . fatal variance between the indictment on the one hand, and the proof and charge to the jury on the other.

The fatal variance: the defendants were charged with one thing—conspiring to teach and advocate overthrow of the government by force, and to organize the Communist Party for that purpose—and tried and convicted of another: **membership** in the CP, a a charge not contained in the indictment. (In the original 1949 trial the defendants were indicted for membership but not tried on that charge; the indictments are still pending. Constitutionality of that section of the Smith Act has never been tested.)

YOU CAN'T JOIN THAT: Trial Judge W. Alvin Chesnut is specifically blamed: the "trial court fatally misconstrued the indictment." The memo adds:

> The theory of the case as it emerged in the trial and as it was presented to the jury was a theory evolved by the Judge, because only upon this theory could the evidence be rendered relevant and a conviction made certain. . . . [His] charge to the jury . . . [was] that it could find the defendants guilty as charged if it found that the CP taught and advocated illegal doctrine and that the members were members knowing its purposes.

The defense contends that the trial was based on guilt by association:

> As this case has been tried, individuals have been convicted for books circulated, conversations held, doctrines taught by individuals unrelated to the defendants, and wholly removed in time and place from them. Virtually all of the evidence in the case is hearsay of the most flagrant kind. . . . The effect, the purport, the necessary implication of Judge Chesnut's decision is to outlaw the Communist Party.

In its appeal and its warning, the Self-Defense Committee wrote:

> Unless reversed, our conviction pushes still further this dangerous encroachment on the democratic freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. . . . The broadest kind of publicity, and the widest expression of opinion, are needed to halt this threat to freedom.

THE PRESS LOOKED THE OTHER WAY

Motion for new Hiss trial argued in N.Y.

By William A. Reuben

. . . Dismissed from a navy chaplaincy for bad conduct, he joined . . . in the effort to unearth imagined Jesuit plots, and, posing as a Roman Catholic, was twice expelled from Jesuit colleges for scandalous conduct. In 1678 he forged the evidence of what purported to be a Jesuit plot to assassinate Charles I. . . . The "Popish Plot" then became a frenzied investigation that culminated when Oates accused the queen of high treason. The populace, in great rage, killed numbers of Roman Catholics without mercy, but gradually the panic diminished. Oates' charges were disproved and, after the accession of James II, he was tried and sentenced for perjury.

—Columbia Encyclopedia on Titus Oates.

To die for faction is a common evil,
But to be hang'd for nonsense is the devil.

—John Dryden on the "Popish Plot" in "Absalom & Achitophel," 1681.

IN the latest chapter of what future historians may call the 20th century version of Titus Oates's "Popish Plot" hoax, the new-trial motion of New Dealer Alger Hiss—convicted in 1949 of perjury for saying he never passed State Dept. papers to self-labeled ex-spy Whittaker Chambers—was argued before Judge Henry W. Goddard in New York last Wednesday. Said Hiss' attorney Chester Lane:

"What our [new] evidence sums up to is that Chambers' entire case against Hiss is a fraud. . . . [It] so completely destroys the Government's case that a new trial would inevitably bring about an acquittal."

Thirty spectators were in the courtroom as he began. In such typical organs of the U.S. press as Hearst's **Journal American** and the N.Y. **Herald Tribune**, not a word was printed of what Lane said in his hour-long argument or of the three affidavits on which his motion was based. Lane's new-trial motion contends (GUARDIAN, Mar. 12, 19) that Chambers's testimony was so "riddled with inconsistencies" that conviction of Hiss was "inconceivable"

. . . if it had not been for the apparent corroboration furnished by the Baltimore Documents [State Dept. papers Chambers said Hiss gave him] and the testimony of Edith Murray supporting the Chamberses' story of social relations between the two families.

"INGENIOUS FORGERIES": Lane said the defense had witnesses who would testify that the typewriter in evidence at the two Hiss trials was a "fake machine"; that Edith Murray's testimony had no other reality basis than that "she had been educated over a period of weeks by conferences with the FBI and Chambers"; and that Chambers quit being a "Communist espionage courier" at least a month before the date of the last Baltimore Document.

JUDGE HENRY GODDARD
There was one question

The Justice Dept., whose obstruction at every step of his efforts to get evidence was described by Lane in his affidavit, had finally obeyed a court order to let Lane inspect the Baltimore Documents themselves. Lane said his experts' "devastating" findings would prove that they

. . . were not typed by Priscilla Hiss [as Chambers testified], or by any one person. They were not given to Chambers by Alger Hiss. They were not put in the envelope and kept in the dumbwaiter for ten long years. They are ingenious forgeries."

"NO EVIDENCE": When the Government's turn came, U.S. Atty. and former Dartmouth All-American football player Myles Lane spoke solemnly:

"If I saw anything in Chester T. Lane's affidavit to warrant a new trial I would be the first to suggest a new trial. . . . This motion is frivolous . . . sheer speculation . . . [just like the] pre-trial propaganda of the defense attempting to depict Chambers as a social leper. The jury found that Hiss was a liar, a perjurer and a Communist spy and no evidence to the contrary has been produced. . . ."

The fake-typewriter argument was "irrelevant," he said, because the government expert did not identify the machine itself but only specimens known to have been typed on the Hisses' machine when they had it, which he said came from the same machine as the Baltimore Documents. Even supposing it was fabricated, "the soundness and completeness of the Government's evidence is not affected one iota."

As for the documents being forgeries, the U.S. Atty. offered three FBI agents' affidavits that they weren't. The defense affidavits that Edith Murray never worked for the Chamberses at either of the two addresses she named would "at best serve only as attempted impeachments" of her testimony and would not warrant a new trial. Concerning the authors of these affidavits, the U.S. Atty. offered sworn statements that one had been away from home too much to know, and the other had had many jobs, lived in many places, been convicted for discharging a firearm and violating the prohibition act, and "has had two wives and one mistress."

(Chester Lane interpolated that, solely concerned with searching out the truth, he had made long but vain efforts to find someone else to prove that Edith Murray did work for the Chamberses; the Government, with "resources 10 to 100 times as great," had evidently not been able to find such a witness either or they would have shown it.)

GRIMM—OR? The Government called "irrelevant" defense affidavits showing Chambers had quit "couriering" before the date of the last Baltimore Document (April 1, 1938), because Chambers's statements fixing the time of his "break" were "obviously approximations." (Chambers had sworn seven times, before Hiss sued him for libel, that he quit in 1937.) Anyway, said the U.S. Atty., this was "a collateral matter," and any idea that all of the new evidence would cause a jury to acquit Hiss was "inherently absurd." The U.S. Atty. concluded:

"Mr. Lane has made out nothing even remotely resembling an argument. . . . [His argument was] the most fantastic thing I have ever listened to. It resembles a combination of a Grimm's fairy tale with a Rube Goldberg twist."

From 73-year-old Judge Goddard came one interruption during the two-hour proceedings, when he asked Chester Lane what kind of "proofs" he had that Chambers could have "himself" fabricated a typewriter in three months when the experts required 18. Lane, pointing out that "my experts could do it again in a few weeks," offered the suggestion that Chambers might have met skilled forgers through his "contacts with the Communist underground." The U.S. Atty. pointed out that "the Soviets" whom Hiss was "proven to have assisted" would hardly have helped Chambers. Previously in the hearing he had contended there was "no credible evidence" offered to explain Chambers's motives for framing Hiss, nor to explain how he could have obtained the documents if not from Hiss—which "makes the whole defense contention ridiculous."

THE MOTIVE: How to explain these points was indeed the weakness of the case—otherwise overwhelmingly strong to any objective person—presented by correct, blue-blooded, Harvard Law School Chester Lane. For only two explanations were possible: either that Chambers was not a liar, or that the famous case which laid the major domestic foundation-stone for the cold war was deliberately concocted by the U.S. government itself. And this charge—though all the facts pointed to it—Chester T. Lane could not bring himself to spell out.

The judge, looking austere and doleful, said: "Adjourned,"—without indicating whether he would grant a new trial or even let the defense produce its experts and other witnesses at a hearing. Meanwhile Whittaker Chambers climbed toward his second $100,000 of profits from his "confessions" of how he came to "give up a secure future to haunt the ruins of his own life;" Hiss, ruined by headlines and fabulous court costs, continued in jail; and the nation-bankrupting juggernaut of the cold war against the people rumbled on.

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ON APRIL 29 in New York the Polish ambassador to the U.S., Jozef Winiewicz, spoke at a meeting commemorating the ninth anniversary of the Uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto in which thousands of Polish Jews died in a last heroic defiance to human bestiality. He said:

> "When the Jewish child stood like a giant and with gun in hand discharged the pure words of resistance, when the ghetto mother tossed the grenade that spoke her courage, when the ghetto father sent down a hail of fire from the rooftops—we knew then that these latter-day Maccabees were writing another glorious testament to life, to the victory of life over the forces of death. The valor and gallantry of the ghetto fighters have not been in vain. Out of the ruin of war, a New Poland is being created with a richer and better life for all. . . ."

Two days later a book was published, perhaps by coincidence, which told the story of some earlier-day Maccabees, unsung and probably not knowing—most of them—that they were in the mainstream of twentieth-century history. The book, **A Lantern for Jeremy** by V. J. Jerome, tells its story through a 9-year-old boy—the story of a little Jewish community in a Polish village just before the 1905 revolution in Russia. It is a story that really is a prelude to the Warsaw Ghetto and the New Poland that is rising out of its rubble.

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The Jewish community comes to life in rich characterization, but the people are never idealized or caricatured so that they lose their human quality. There are Jeremy's Aunt Leia and Uncle Volfke, struggling against grinding poverty but never letting their sorrow rob Jeremy of their love; Pinyeh All-trades, tart, wise and winning, who knew how to fix anything and could even write letters—all you had to do was

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